Community Development Department Building and Inspection Division

ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Information Sheet

This pamphlet is a guide to the most common questions and problems. For complete information, see the "Minnesota Accessibility Code, Chapter 1341."

Sales and Service Counters

In department stores and miscellaneous retail stores where counters:

1) have cash registers and 2) are provided for sales or distribution of goods or services to the public, at least one of each type shall have a portion of the counter which is a minimum of 36" in length and a maximum height of 36" above the finished floor. The counters shall be on an accessible route.

Dressing and Fitting Rooms

Clear Floor Space: A clear floor space allowing a person using a wheelchair to make a 180-degree turn shall be provided in every accessible dressing room entered through a swinging or sliding door. No door shall swing into any part of the turning space.

Doors: All doors to accessible dressing rooms shall be in compliance with the Minnesota Accessibility Code.

Bench: Every accessible dressing room shall have a 24" by 48" bench fixed to the wall along the long dimension. The bench shall be mounted 17" to 19" above the finished floor. Clear floor space shall be provided to allow a person using a wheelchair to make a transfer onto the bench.

Mirror: When mirrors are provided in dressing rooms of the same use, then in an accessible dressing room, a full-length mirror measuring at least 18" wide by 54" high, shall be mounted in a position affording a view to a person on the bench as well as to a person in a standing position.

Accessible Urinals

Height: Stall-type or wall-hung urinals shall have an elongated rim at a maximum of 17" above the finished floor.

Clear Floor Space: A clear floor space 30" by 48" in front of the urinals allows a forward approach.

Flush Controls: Hand-operated or automatic controls shall be mounted no more than 44" above the finished floor.















